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Stephan POULIN et al.

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For: SIDE RAIL, HOSPITAL BED INCLUDING THE SAME, METHOD OF  
OPERATING ASSOCIATED THERETO AND KIT FOR ASSEMBLING THE SIDE  
RAIL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

No further elaboration is believed necessary. Copies of the documents are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a).

AUTHORIZATION

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Respectfully submitted,

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